

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement of June 8, 2005, the Examiner required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species from each of the following lettered groups:

a. Encasing material: Species A directed to FIG. 1; Species B directed to FIG. 2; Species C directed to FIG. 3.

b. Reactive composite material: Species D directed to FIG. 4; Species E directed to FIG. 5; Species F directed to FIG. 6; Species G directed to FIG. 7; Species H directed to FIG. 8; Species I directed to FIG. 9.

c. If applicable: Species J directed to encasement material comprising chemical tape; Species K directed to encasement material comprising inert tape; Species L directed to an encasement comprising a polymeric material created by coating and curing (shrink curing); Species M directed to an encasement comprising a polymeric material created by extruding and curing.

d. If applicable: Species N directed to an elongate structure comprising a one-piece structure; Species O directed to an elongate structure comprising an assembly.

e. If applicable: Species P directed to an elongate structure comprising metal; Species Q directed to an elongate structure comprising ceramics.

Applicant hereby elects the following species:

- Species A from lettered group "a" above,
- Species I from lettered group "b" above,
- No species from lettered group "c" as the species set forth in the group are not applicable,
- Species N from lettered group "d" above, and
- Species P from lettered group "e" above.

Claims 1, 7, 12-14, 20-25, 30-32, 34, 35, 37 and 39-42 are readable on the elected species.

The election is made without traverse. As noted by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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